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LB 825, 751

PRESIDENT: Very well, time has expired for the consideration of this measure on consent calendar. It stays where it is I assume and we will move on to LB 751.

CLERK: Mr. President, 751 is a bill introduced by the Retirement Systems Committee. (Read title.) The bill was read on January 4. It was referred to the Retirement Systems Committee for hearing, advanced to General File. There are committee amendments.

PRESIDENT: Senator Wesely.

SENATOR WESELY: Thank you, Mr. President, members of the Legislature. The committee amendments to LB 751 become the bill. LB 751 was introduced as an option to consider the question of state employee investment of retirement funds. The bill as introduced would have had the Investment Council have the sole authority for investment of state employee funds. It would have been required to have four different options for the employee to make as choices where their money was invested. The Investment Council came forward with this proposal, supported it, but the employees did not. They opposed it. So we sat down in committee and revised this bill and the committee amendments are the bill. It would have the PERB board, the Public Employee Retirement Board have the authority...

PRESIDENT: (Gavel) Quite a bit of noise in the Chamber. Go ahead, Senator.

SENATOR WESELY: I understand, thank you. It would have the PERB board be the one that has authority over state employees funds. Now that is similar to county employees who are now handled by the PERB board. County employee plan and state employee plan are very similar. They are almost exactly the same. So we looked at how the county employee plan was handled by the PERB board and used a lot of the same language, statutory language, and gave the state employees the same sort of situation with the PERB handling it. State employees are given a couple of options for the employee contribution part of their retirement to decide